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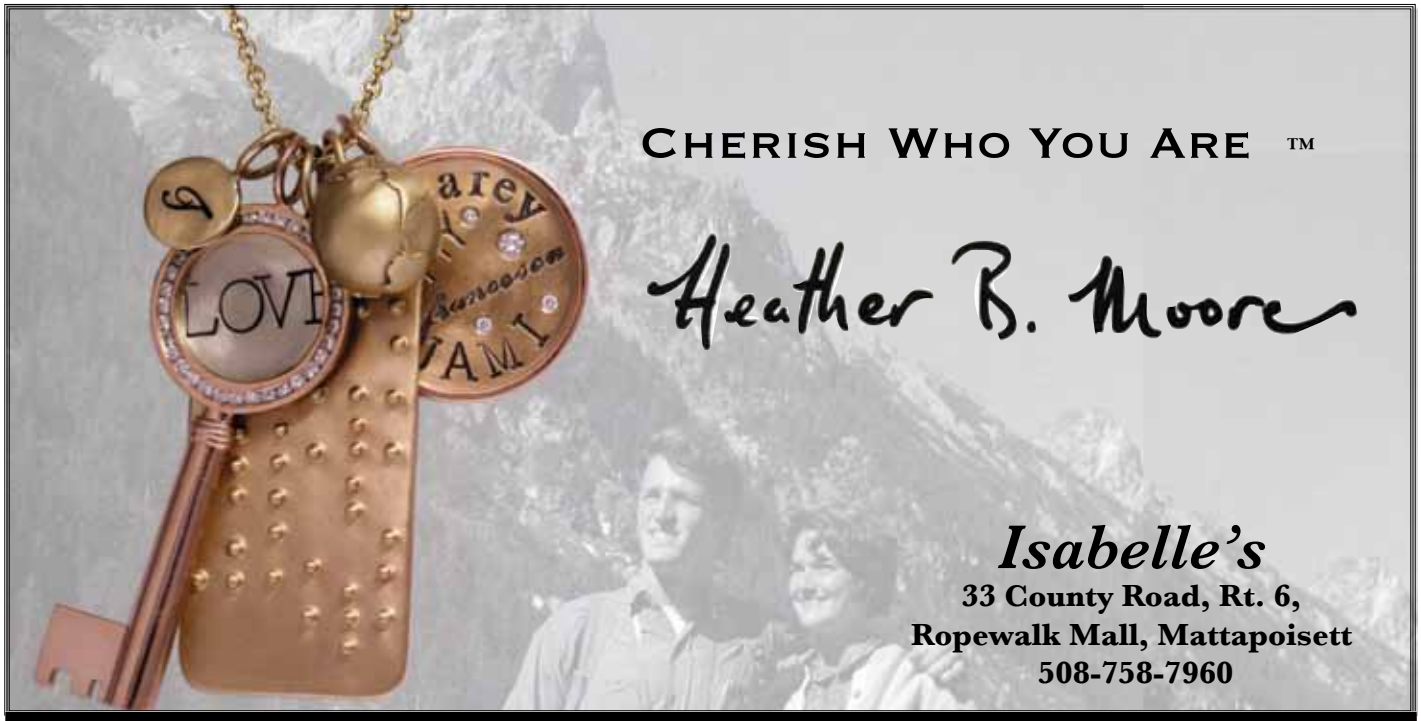
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Cuttyhunk History Further Explored

By Laura Pedulli

More than 50 folks, desiring a little intellectual stimulation before the Superbowl game last Sunday, came out to see Seth Mendell, President of the Mattapoisett Historical Society, give his annual lecture. This year, he continued last year's lecture, which examined the history of Cuttyhunk.

Last year, Mr. Mendell lectured on the Elizabeth Islands, from Bartholomew Gosnold's first landing in the early 1600s to tales of pirates hustling in shipping lanes near Tarpaulin Cove, the flourishing sheep industry, and the British takeover of the Islands during the Revolutionary War. This talk had explored the Forbes family acquisition of the Elizabeth Islands, which began when Boston prince John Murray Forbes fell in love with Sarah Swain Hathaway and her family's islands. The Forbes family poured considerable money into the islands for replanting trees and draining swamps, and 359 descendents of the Forbes reside in Naushon and other islands today.

The history of Cuttyhunk was distinctly different, and began when a Quaker preacher and merchant from Dartmouth, Peleg Slocum, purchased real estate in 1693 on Cuttyhunk Island, and leased it to sheep tenant farmers. Wealth also accumulated from quail ships, which were popular during that time, piloting ships into port, and "salvaging" poorly piloted ships, Mr. Mendell said.

Despite its history salvaging forsaken cargo, Cuttyhunk did formalize efforts to assist the "poor devils" that lost control of their ships and landed on the rocky shore, he said. Locals formed the Humane Society in 1847, which was a prelude to the Coast Guard that set up shop in 1947, to help assist shipwrecked mates. An 1823 lighthouse – which is long gone and was replaced with a Coast Guard steel tower – also assisted ships with safe passage through the channels.

Interestingly, before 1864, Cuttyhunk Island belonged to Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, and thus was subject to taxes from the neighboring island. "You can imagine how much money came back over the sound," Mr. Mendell said. It wasn't until John Murray Forbes used his political influence in Boston to transfer ownership to Gosnold, which allowed Cuttyhunk Island to become an entity of its own.

In 1870, about 70 New York millionaires built a clubhouse on Cuttyhunk Island, which became one of their retreats – in this case, for striped bass fishing. In "three-piece suits, ties and vests" the rich men would sit with rods on large boulders.

The money pumped into the island from these visiting "fisherman" helped make Cuttyhunk "an attractive place to live," he said. The fishing clubhouse eventually closed in 1921, following a decline in the striped bass population.

William Wood, a boy who went from sweeping floors in the Wamsutta Mills in New Bedford to overseeing the American Woolen Company, bought up much of Cuttyhunk in the early 1900s. His natural accounting skills – as well as his marriage to boss Andrew Pierce – helped cement his authority. Interestingly, his wife Ellen's sister married World War II army officer George Patton, Mr. Mendell said. Mr. Wood's money

Above: *To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Occasion Singers are putting on a special "A Cabaret Night of Love Songs" performance on February 11, 2011 at the Marion Art Center. Tickets are available at 508-748-1266. Photo courtesy of the Marion Art Center.*

On the Cover: *Alligators, Monkeys and Macaws oh my! Sippican School enjoyed a special presentation, "The Rain Forest" by animal expert Mike Kohlrieser of Understanding Wildlife. The February 7, 2011 educational event offered kids a chance to pet pythons and have macaws perch on their shoulders. Photo by Felix Perez.*

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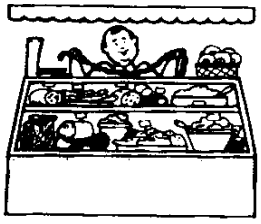

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funneled into Cuttyhunk and allowed for the building of Avalon House and Wood House.

Wealth continued to flow to the island thanks to the installation of the Coast Guard, which designated Cuttyhunk a "harbor of refuge." The guard dredged the canal and built two bridges. As a side note, Mr. Mendell said that the Coast Guard had just finished dredging when the 1938 hurricane slammed the island. In 1944, another hurricane broken through the strip of land connecting Cuttyhunk to the rest of the islands, he said. The federal government installed 10 to 12 railroad barges, sunk them, and filled them with rocks to maintain the barrier. "That is why it is called Barge Beach today," he said.

There is a continued threat that water will break through today, and there are two camps on how to proceed: let nature take its course or protect the harbor. Mr. Mendell believes that as a major source of Cuttyhunk's wealth, the harbor likely will receive continued protection, especially when its 84 moorings sell for $40 per night, he said.

Mr. Mendell finished his talk with a descriptive account of the wreck of the "Wanderer" on the rocky shore of Cuttyhunk, August 26, 1924. The ship, built on April 23, 1878, was a standard whaling vessel rigged as a bark that made 23 voyages with varying success in obtaining whale oil. From 1882 to 1903, the vessel was briefly owned by a man in San Francisco, and even spent

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one winter frozen in the Bering Strait in the Arctic Ocean. Timothy Allen of New Bedford brought the ship back to its homeland, and in one noteworthy voyage in 1917-1918, brought back 6,200 barrels of oil, which is "$34 million in currency today," said Mr. Mendell.

A Nor'easter storm caught the anchored "Wanderer" and its 15 shipmates and commander Joseph Gomes, who were preparing for a whaling voyage, by surprise in 1924. After landing at Cuttyhunk, six men ended up on the mainland and the other eight shipmates landed by boat on Martha's Vineyard. The storm broke up the ship and Captain Edward Tucker recouped sails that he had just sold to Mr. Gomes.

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To the history buffs present at the meeting, Mr. Mendell promised Part III for next year, which will explore Nashawena, as well as the existence of a leper colony along the islands.

Former Selectman McGaffey Dies at 74

By Laura Pedulli

Dan McGaffey – former selectman and member of the Rochester Memorial School (RMS) building committee and Planning Board – died unexpectedly on Thursday, February 3 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

As a public official, he was remembered for his preparedness and the administrative expertise he brought to several town boards, as well as his recent involvement in the addition and renovation project at RMS. In his professional career, he served as a social worker for the Committee for Public Counsel Services for the Commonwealth or Massachusetts in Fall River. He previously served as a social worker for the Family Services Association in Boston, where he was the association's first Spanish speaking social worker, and did social work at both Plymouth County and Dedham House of Corrections.

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Town Administrator Richard LaCamera fondly recalled his experience reporting to Mr. McGaffey, who served as Selectman from 2007 and 2009. "Dan was always interested in doing what's best for the town and was always well-prepared to discuss agenda items," he said.

After his defeat to current selectman Naida Parker at re-election time, Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson encouraged him to help out on the RMS building committee and fill a vacant seat on the Planning Board.

"I needed somebody of his expertise and knowledge for the building committee. I didn't want him to fade away," Mr. Johnson said. "He jumped on it and helped create a successful project."

"He was very involved making sure the right thing was done," added Mr. LaCamera. "He was so proud of the opening of the building. He was able to see new addition in January and was very proud of what has been accomplished."

Mr. McGaffey also was an active member of the Planning Board, which he joined last April.

"He was very friendly. He always had a smile. He brought his background in administration to the board. He looked at things from a different perspective and asked a lot of good questions," said Mr. Johnson. "It will be very difficult to replace him… It's a loss for the town, really." To honor his memory and contribution, the Planning Board planned to display his nameplate at its February 8 meeting.

Aside from assisting with the building project at RMS, Mr. McGaffey also played a critical role as overseer of the building renovation project at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion, according to Rev. Geoffrey Piper. The 1960s building received a major overhaul ten years ago, and Mr. McGaffey was a "formidable leader" who helped get those renovations off the ground.

As a longtime church member, Mr. McGaffey also served as usher, senior warden and lay reader. "He had a magnificent bass voice that would put Charlton Heston on notice," the reverend said. "He was simply a go-to guy, somebody I could call up for advice, to consult with,

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to get perspective, to look to for encouragement. He was simply a wonderful man."

"The thing I so admired about him was his diplomatic skill to be able to express ideas and convictions clearly, but not to be shaken or drawn into conflict by others who had strongly different opinions," Rev. Piper added. "He was one real top-notch guy."

Two-Story Business Bylaw Debated

Marion Planning Board

By Anne Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Jay Ryder on February

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7, 2011 at 7:05 pm in the Marion Town House conference room. Also in attendance were board members Tom Magauran, Steve Gonsalves and Joseph Napoli and secretary Terri Santos. Members John Sweeney, Jay Crowley and Sherman Briggs were absent, which meant the planning board did not have a quorum to vote on scheduled public hearings.

In the first appointment, the Board met with Christian Farland of Thompson Farland. Mr Farland said he was representing Marion resident John Ludes in an ANR (Approval Not Required) plan application. The application was for a parcel of land at 44-46 Converse Road, which will be split into two lots, instead of the original plan of three lots. The two lots will have adequate frontage and according to Mr. Farland, will contain "well over" the two-acre lot requirement, with the first lot containing 9.77 acres and the second lot containing 4.72 acres.

Future hearings would determine sewer connection and driveway easements, the board said. The ANR plan was approved without debate.

Two public hearings – one for a pier at 101 Cove Circle and another for Coolmar Compound – were continued until the next meeting on March 14 due to the lack of quorum. Likewise, Chairman Ryder announced that the scheduled February 28 board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

In a discussion item, Mr. Magauran approached the possibility of including a two-story bylaw or design guideline in the Neighborhood Overlay District design. In this proposal, the height limit would be about 35 feet, which would exclude most three-story designs.

The idea of this requirement, Mr. Magauran said, was to discourage chain development, since chain businesses typically only build "cookie cutter" one-story buildings and "getting a two-story structure out of them is very difficult." In addition to deterring chains, the second floors of business buildings could contain housing for seniors, working professionals and "40B" housing, said Mr. Magauran.

Mr. Magauran's proposal did not go unchallenged, however. Mr. Gonsalves thought that the

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measure was possibly unfriendly to small business and needed to be carefully considered before approval. He thought the proposed bylaw would put small business owners "at the mercy" of the planning board. "You can't assume you won't have board members who will abuse the situation," he said, adding: "It's another hurdle to jump for small businesses in this town."

Mr. Magauran admitted that the measure would be an added "burden on behalf of the applicant", but said that the requirement could be waived under certain circumstances, such as when an elderly resident wants to build a single-story home in the district. The two-story stipulation, he said, would promote the village feel of Marion's center.

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Mr. Gonsalves wanted to discuss the possibility of a business claiming financial hardship. He thought that some businesses would be unable to thrive or expand if they were forced to place a second floor on their building. "I'm not totally opposed… [but] I'm not one for big government," said Mr. Gonsalves. "I think we've ruled and regulated ourselves out of existence." Mr. Gonsalves said that he supported mixed-use zoning, but he felt sidelined by the proposal and needed time to consider its implications.

Board member Mr. Napoli agreed: "I think it deserves a little more attention."

The board agreed to broach the topic of the proposed two-story bylaw addition at the next meeting on March 14.

The board then conducted its scheduled Neighborhood Overlay District (NOD) public hearing. The hearing introduced the public to a draft of the proposed NOD, which is designed to preserve Marion's "historic seaside village character" and promote a "socioeconomically diverse and largely residential community". Included in the NOD bylaw draft are the following development considerations:

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The NOD public hearing was continued to the March 14 planning board meeting, where it will be discussed further.

Mr. Magauran announced that the board would be meeting on Thursday, February 10, in executive session to discuss litigation with Cumberland Farms. Also, he announced to the audience that three board members' terms expire this year: Jay Ryder, Jay Crowley and Joseph Napoli.

The board adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Board Grants Plowing Waiver to Lane

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan Collyer on February 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the town hall conference room. Also in attendance were Selectmen Paul Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael

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After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board approved the minutes of the January 25 meeting, both open and executive session.

In a second action item, the Board met with Vice Presidents Joshua Paul and Doris Huard of Bartholomew and Company to hear about the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) investment plan that the Board voted to pursue in July 2010. The representatives of the company took a moment to explain that OPEB investing can be tailored to be a conservative way for towns to invest. Currently, Bartholomew and Company holds $800 million and manages investments for 118 municipalities in Massachusetts.

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"[An OPEB portfolio] can be adjusted and adopted to meet your investment goals," said Ms. Huard, who said that before she worked for the investment company, she had been a town treasurer.

By engaging in OPEB investing, the Board felt that they could prove due diligence in the town's responsibility to invest its funds appropriately.

"Are you comfortable with this [investment]?" Chairman Collyer asked town treasurer Brenda Herbeck.

"Yes, I am," Ms. Herbeck responded.

Upon request from Selectman Silva, the Board agreed to bring the OPEB plan before the Financial Committee for their approval, and agreed to make a "formality" acceptance on the policy at the next selectmen meeting.

In their first appointment, the Board met with resident Donald Lake, who requested the Board's approval in his continuation of Mattapoisett Wharf Cruise Nights. The cruise nights, which occur on the first and third Friday evenings from May to September, are a chance for residents to enjoy antique cars, oldies music and Shipyard Park.

The Board voted to accept the cruise nights.

In a second appointment, the Board met with the residents of Waterview Lane, a small street in Point Connett. Before speaking with the residents, the Board heard Mr. Gagne read a letter from Waterview Lane residents. In the letter, the residents state that the lane

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was once included in the town's list of plowed private roads, but it was later revealed that an 1980 subdivision provision excluded the lane from town plowing. The residents confirmed that they had not been plowed out once the entire winter season, and in their letter, they expressed concern about school and medical accessibility.

Mr. Gagne said that the residents were before the Board to request a waiver in provisions of regulations so Waterview Lane could be included in the town's plow list again.

"I thought we agreed that all roads plowed in the past would be plowed… status quo," said Selectman Silva. "I don't know why we have to go through this waiver."

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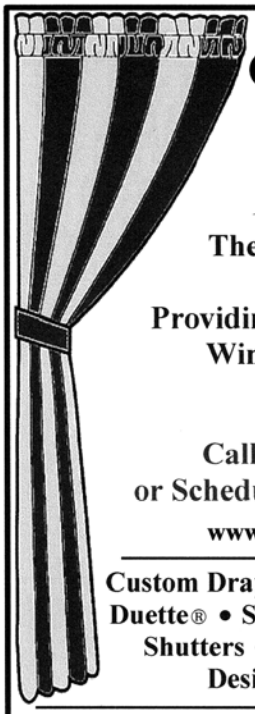

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"Just plow it," said Selectman Randall.

"If we're getting hung up on this as a town, as a highway department… then it makes the town look like it's disingenuous in writing its policies," said Chairman Collyer.

"It should've been done – period," agreed Selectman Silva.

The Board voted to grant the provision waiver to the residents, putting Waterview Lane back on the town's list of plowed roads.

In an appointment with Harbormaster Steve Mach, the Board discussed the upcoming spring season, and preparation measures being taken by the harbormaster's office, including maintenance and staffing needs.

Mr. Mach said that his entire staff would be returning for the upcoming season, but he would likely hire one more person to fill an hourly vacancy. Chairman Collyer said that he would also like the town to explore the possibility of hiring a Mass Maritime cadet, especially if the town could work with the academy to make it an internship position.

Ms. Pacheco then announced:

• The town hall will be closed on February 21 in observation of President's Day

• The annual Tri-Town herring meeting will take place at the Selectmen's meeting on February 22 at 7:05 pm at the town hall.

The Board also met with Bobbi Gaspar, Chairman of the Heritage Days committee, who said that the committee would like to hold a Rubber Duck race on June 18 at the Mattapoisett River. She also told the Board that the Heritage Days would take place on August 5, 6 and 7. Planned activities include recognizing the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, a local comedian show, a

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car show and a cookout. Ms. Gaspar noted that a EEE mosquito threat had canceled many of the scheduled events at Heritage Days 2010.

The Board voted to enter executive session at 8:46 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Asphalt Hearing Extended to March

Rochester Planning Board

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Arnold Johnson at 7:15 pm on February 8, 2011 in the Rochester Senior Center.

The focus of the meeting was the fourth continued hearing for an asphalt plant originally proposed on November 17, 2010 by Edgewood Development. The plant, which would process up to 2,200 tons of liquid asphalt daily and accommodate up to 360 trucks per day, is proposed for construction in an industrially zoned section in northeastern Rochester along King's Highway near the SEMASS facility, transfer station and Rochester bituminous plant.

Previous hearings attracted more than 50 abutters concerned about the proposal, but this hearing drew about a dozen residents and abutter legal representatives.

At the onset, applicant Edgewood Development and their consultants said that overall, they agreed with an analysis conducted by the town's peer review

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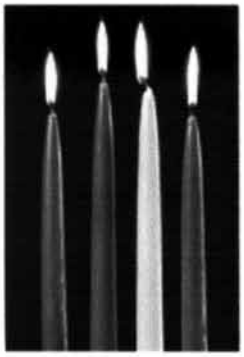

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consultant, Field Engineering, on their project. However, Tim Higgins of Edgewood Development recommended some changes to the current proposal, including that the Town of Rochester – not Edgewood – hold an easement at the transfer station for tree trimming work. At the previous meeting, the easement was proposed to assist with visibility issues for northbound traffic on King's Highway.

"We don't feel it is appropriate for a private company to control the easement at that property, but we'll enter into an agreement with the town and do the legwork," Mr. Higgins said. Kenneth Motta of Field Engineering formally agreed with that assessment.

Mr. Motta and the applicant did not agree on how to handle a "small puddle" that Field Engineering predicted run off would create in a neighboring residential property.

Bill Madden of GAF Engineering, representing Edgewood, said that the puddle would be "bound by existing topography," and would not be "a problem to the project at all." He added, "A man with a five-gallon bucket could handle it."

In his recommendations, however, Mr. Motta said that the applicant should install a leak drain on the abutter's property to collect the runoff. He agreed that the relatively small amount of water would be trapped, but asked: "What happens in frozen conditions?"

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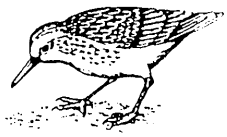

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someone else's property and wander down the road if we should have done something about it but didn't," said Board member Gary Florindo.

Mr. Higgins formally extended the hearings through March 24.

Town Counsel Blair Bailey then approached a matter concerning a complaint filed to the Attorney General (AG) by Benjamin Tymann of Minz Levin – who is representing residential abutters, Rochester Bituminous Products and Todesca Realty Trust – about possible Open Meeting Law violations. At the January 25 hearing, Ken Sullivan of Minz Levin read out loud emails between planning board members discussing the proposal – a discussion that is not allowed under the open meeting laws.

Minz Levin had filed a complaint with the AG on February 1, arguing that board member Bendrix Bailey should be recused from the hearing due to his participation in the emails and that the board should in all future matters abide by open meeting law protocol.

In response to this filing, Atty. Bailey acknowledged that the board violated the open meeting law and told board members: "Do not do electronically what you wouldn't do in person" – namely, discuss an active proposal. He then asked the board, which they later approved, to attend educational meetings on the open meeting law offered through the AG office. Lastly, Atty. Bailey stated for the record that he does not feel Bendrix Bailey should be recused from the hearings. With that said, the board voted to accept a memo from Atty. Bailey – which detailed these points – as its position on the matter.

With this resolved, the board heard one public comment from the proposed plant's direct abutter, George Millet of 113 King's Highway. On his behalf, Don Millet – Mr. Millet's son – read a letter to the board detailing how the plant would affect his father's standard of living. In the letter, the elder Millet described the current conditions of his property, which he purchased in 1970, a year before the area was zoned industrial. He said even with Rochester Bituminous Products hundreds of yards away, the sounds of "steel on steel dumping loads in the plant, air braking, shifting of gears" as well as "strong odors"

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has impacted him and his wife, Jane Millet.

"We've learned to live with it, but it hasn't been easy," he said in his letter.

The current proposed plant, situated 30 yards from his backyard, is "a different story" that will heighten these issues. He noted that his wife has pulmonary disease and thus particularly would be affected. Moreover, the overwash of light from the plant and road-the-clock hours would be a "nightmare" for their sleeping, he said. Also, the residents do not have central air and keep their windows open during the summer, further exposing them to odors and sound, the letter stated.

"Please protect us from this disturbing use," he concluded in his letter.

After some discussion on scheduling, the board agreed to hold a special meeting on March 1 to hear Minz Levin's peer review reports on the project. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Tymann said they would need two hearings to provide their testimony, but Chairman Johnson responded, "Just do the best you can" with no promise of an additional hearing after March 1.

In other business presented at the meeting, Mr. Charbonneau reported that the Featherbed 40B project was "withdrawn without prejudice" and that work on a Home Occupancy Bylaw drafted in part by consultant Phil Herr will be reviewed and discussed at the upcoming February 22 hearing. Mr. Charbonneau said that he hopes

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The board voted to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

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Mattapoisett School Committee

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Gracinda Knox at 7:05 pm on Monday, February 7 in the Center School cafeteria.

In her Chairperson's report, Ms. Knox recognized town employee Danny White, who was taping the meeting for broadcast. She said the aired meeting hopefully would assist the public in understanding the work behind the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

On that note, Ms. Knox said she is working with the Mattapoisett Finance Committee member Dick Gamache, who is reviewing the current budget with the budget subcommittee and in particular projected circuit breaker funds.

"We do have [the town's] support, as long as there are dollars to support it," she said of the preliminary budget.

Superintendent Doug White, in his report, thanked the Department of Public Works for clearing snow on school roadways.

In other news, he said the Mattapoisett Teachers Association's contract was ratified on January 29 and that negotiations are still underway for Sippican School and Old Rochester Regional (ORR) staff.

Mr. White also described a new summer school program he hopes to get off the ground that will both allow for extended learning and also provide opportunities for struggling students to catch up. "Hopefully it is not just educational but fun," Mr. White said. A director will be hired to oversee the program, he added, saying that the district is applying for grant monies to assist with the costs.

In the Center School Principal's report, Rosemary Bowman said that a jazz program scheduled for January 26 was rescheduled to February 15. Also, she commended students for their contribution of 45 bags to an Afghanistan clothing drive organized at ORR high school. In other news, she said that currently 55 new Kindergarteners are registered to attend next year. "I expect that number to grow," she said.

In the Old Hammondtown School report, Principal Matt D'Andrea said that fourth graders will practice the MCAS long composition, and their teachers will jointly analyze scores. Also, he said that fifth grade Valentine's Day breakfast – "a delicious event" – is scheduled for February 14. In other news, the concert band is scheduled to perform at a competition at King Philips High School in April.

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Food Services Director Suzanne Souza took the floor to announce new offerings at the Center School cafeteria that will be unveiled in March. In addition to the regular lunch, students will be able to buy salad meals, wrap meals, yogurt meals and peanut butter meals. "We've seen great success at Sippican and [Rochester Memorial] schools," she said. Moreover, local chefs are scheduled to come in and offer food preparation presentations to students and staff.

In his report, Facilities Director Steve Murphy said that bids are out to replace an isolation valve in the spring and summer, which will allow repairs on the heating/cooling system to take place without being shut down. He also discussed efforts to measure snow on roofs to prevent damage. Center School's roof is mostly angled except for one small flat section and Old Hammondtown is 65 to 70 percent angled, with flat areas. He said his staff cleared drains to help facilitate the runoff.

"Snow is four pounds per square foot and ice and water is 12 pounds per square foot," he said, noting the importance of good snow removal.

In other news, Mr. Murphy said a district meeting of custodians is forthcoming and he looks forward to information sharing among the staff. He added that he is proud of their work to make district schools cleaner.

The January 10 minutes of the regular meeting and the January 19 budget subcommittee meeting were approved with minor changes.

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Mr. White then presented the FY '12 budget overview for Center and Old Hammondtown schools. Line by line, he reviewed proposed increases and decreases in various topic areas. Overall, the draft $5,725,949 budget represents $99,050 more on regular day items and $9,576 less on special education. "Overall, the budget is increased by $89,472 or 1.59 percent," Mr. White said.

Increases in the regular day budget mainly would derive from more spending on professional and nonprofessional staff and contracted services. Under the budget, less money would be allocated to supplies and other areas including tuitions for out-of-district schools.

The budget will be continually worked on by the subcommittee and formally presented to the public in March.

Ms. Brown, principal, then received approval for a toy collection fundraiser to comfort children at the Bristol County Juvenile Court.

In the Tri-Town Foundation report, Gerald Johnson said that a new website has been unveiled: www.LighthouseFund.org, and the foundation hopes for more grant submissions.

Mr. White said that the Tri-Town K-6 regionalization committee is meeting on February 17 to "get into the nuts and bolts" of whether merging elementary schools is the best way to proceed.

The board voted to enter into executive session

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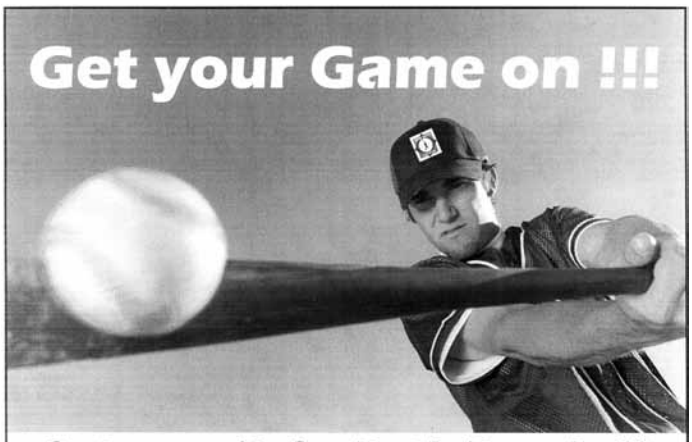
Committee Sneaks a Peak at '12 Budget

Rochester School Committee

By Anne Kakley

A regular meeting of the Rochester School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Tina Rood on February 3, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

"We've had quite an exciting month," said Chairperson Rood as she opened the meeting with her Chairperson's report. "I hope everyone got a chance to stop by the school for the open house. It was really wonderful." Chairperson Rood said that student council



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members acted as tour guides at the open house on January 23, and other students were on hand to show the features of the new facility.

"That's why I'm going to suggest for our next [school committee recognition], to bring in the members of the student council," said Chairperson Rood, citing the good work the council does at the school. One of Student Council's current jobs is working on is an art project for a large white wall in the cafeteria.

According to Chairperson Rood, anyone who missed the Rochester Memorial School (RMS) open house, but would still like to tour the new facility, can do so by contacting facilities manager Michael Meunier at 508-763-2049. The school is also planning a second open house for those who missed the first one.

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In his superintendent's report, Douglas White approached the topic of snow days with the committee. "One of the things that continues to cause us stress is the weather in the month of January," said Mr. White, who thanked Jeff Eldridge and the Department of Public Works for doing a "great job" clearing snow from the roads and communicating conditions to the superintendent.

Furthermore, Mr. White said that a budget would be ready for presentation to the committees at a public hearing in March.

Mr. White announced that the district would be looking for a director to lead a comprehensive summer program aimed at assisting students who need extra help and class time. The program will also include enrichment courses that are "not only educational but fun". The district will be advertising for this director position in the near future, Mr. White said.

In an update on the district's anti-bullying measures, Director of Student Services Teresa Hamm said that over 90 percent of the district's staff had been trained in anti-bullying strategies during January. Among those who attended the anti-bullying seminars were licensed staff, unlicensed staff, paraprofessionals and custodial staff. "Pretty much everyone paid by the district has attended," Ms. Hamm said. "We are putting together some training for parents in the spring. That will be

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available in May," she added.

In his report, Principal Jay Ryan said that RMS kindergarten teachers had recently attended a webinar on common core curricula, sponsored by the Department of Education. The webinar felt "unprepared", said Mr. Ryan, so the school used the handouts prepared by the state and conducted their own meeting.

On the subject of training, Chairperson Rood said that she had the chance to see the school's new Eno Boards in action in her daughter's second grade classroom. The Eno Board is a computer screen projection that is manipulated by an electronic pen that allows the teacher to integrate multimedia into lessons more effectively. Chairperson Rood said that her daughter's

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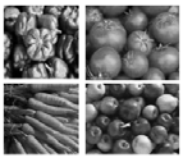

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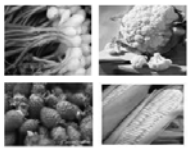

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The committee voted to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 meeting.

The committee then received an initial Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget for their review. Mr. White walked the committee through the "bigger picture" of the preliminary budget. Based on an early state budget review from Governor Deval Patrick, increased Chapter 70 "school" funds will be $9,109 for Rochester.

The area of budgeted contracted services for RMS was up 22 percent, said Mr. White. "A lot has to do with an increase in square footage of our building," said Mr. White, who noted that the supply budget was lowered in anticipation of the school being able to buy higher quantities of needed supplies.

One "significant" budget increase, according to Mr. White, was the Title 1 Math teacher position. The position was, in previous years, partly covered by a rural education grant. Due to an increase in Rochester's student population last year, the town stopped qualifying for the grant. Mr. White said that he hoped the town would again qualify for the grant, but that they would have to budget the difference just in case. The Title 1 teacher helps "students struggling in math", said Mr. White. "We're hopeful that we can get that grant back based on recent enrollment figures," he added. "We don't know if the

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Another grant deficit was felt in the form of a $5,000 increase in Rochester's Project Grow budget. The increase represented the portion of Project Grow that had been covered by previous federal government ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds that are no longer available.

School committee member Sharon Hartley noted that the upcoming school budget would represent a "study year" as they adjust to the needs of the new school, like electricity and heat. "Just like a new home, we'll have a much better idea next year," she said. Mr. White and the committee were confident that the new building

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would be more efficient and easier on future budgets. He specifically cited the new boiler and well as being a source of efficiency and cost savings for the school.

Due to tuition increases and increased student attendance, the Bristol Agricultural budget for Rochester will be an extra $30,801 in next year's budget, said Mr. White.

School committee member Donna LaLiberte asked Mr. White if there was a possibility of Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School introducing agricultural education to their curriculum, to eliminate the need for Rochester to send students to Bristol Aggie in Dighton, MA. Mr. White said that he would be willing to speak to Superintendent Gary Brown about that possibility.

In his "Assistant Principal Role Update", Mr. Ryan said that, amidst budget building and the construction of the new RMS, he needs the most assistance in the area of discipline and "day-to-day different roles", like overseeing support staff.

"We have this very real need," said Chairperson Rood, referring to RMS's continuing absence of an assistant principal. Until the position can be properly budgeted, Mr. Ryan and his staff have been trying to complete all the tasks of an assistant principal, but Chairperson Rood said that the eventual goal of the budget subcommittee would be to revive the assistant principal position.

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Ms. LaLiberte, an abutter to the rear of the school, said that she wanted her neighbors to be able to weigh in on such a decision. She said that, although the recent expansion of the school was "wonderful", it has created a "huge impact" on residents who "had to adapt to losing their backyard" as a result of the RMS construction. A wooded boundary between several houses and the

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school was cleared, reducing privacy for these neighbors. Before proceeding with a moved baseball diamond that would result in noise and activity for these neighbors, Ms. LaLiberte thought the committee should consider the matter at length and inform the neighbors of the pending work in that area. "They should have an opportunity to participate in this discussion," said Ms. LaLiberte.

School committee member Tim Scholtz said that he would bring up the baseball diamond matter at the next building subcommittee meeting on February 16. The school committee did not act upon the request.

The committee went into executive session at 8:25 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining strategies.

Summer Program Comes to ORR

Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Jane McCarthy on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 6:32 pm in the Marion Town Hall. Also in attendance were committee members Brad Gordon, Jay Pateakos, Joseph Scott and Christine Winters.

In his opening comments, Superintendent Doug White thanked the Department of Public Works of Mattapoisett, Rochester and Marion for their hard work in making the streets safe for the school busses and the students. He joked about his relocation to Massachusetts from New Hampshire and said: "The snow followed me."

Mr. White reported that the district already has used three of their five scheduled snow days in January and asked the members to think about how to handle the need to make up snow days if more than five scheduled snow days are needed. Suggestions included school on Saturdays or a shortened February or April vacation week.

Mr. White said he would spend the majority of his time over the coming months preparing and adjusting the fiscal year (FY) 2012 budget. The current budget proposed by Governor Deval Patrick will slightly increase Chapter 70 funding in the four districts resulting in an increase of $2,305 in Marion, $2,814 in Mattapoisett, $9,109 in

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Rochester and $10,466 in Old Rochester. The estimated total district budget for FY 2012 is $5,084,912.34, a 0.42 decrease or $21,697.68 less than fiscal year 2011.

Plans are underway for a Summer School program at both the junior and senior high schools, Mr. White said. The program will be designed to offer an array of enrichment courses as well as serving students who have been identified for support based on their MCAS performance. Courses will include English language arts, math and science. Course programming is being worked on now and more details about the summer school will be announced at a later date. A brochure will be created and distributed. Families of identified children will receive letters inviting students to attend the support courses that will best serve their educational needs. Classes will run from 8:00 am to noon beginning on July 5 and ending on August 12.

Elise Frangos said that a recent series of one-day workshops for teachers focused on common assessments of students would help identify those who are struggling with a "standard", such as algebraic thinking or patterns. Mr. Frangos said that a third grade teacher can look back and see the second grade assessment of the child to fine tune teaching strategies to help that student succeed. Mr. White reported that he and Ms. Frangos focused on data and discussed what "proficient" looks like for the assessments teachers created.

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the August 30, 2011 to June 13, 2012 school year – was presented in draft form. Mr. White said that, considering the snow situation the district is currently facing, starting the school year in August makes sense.

In her report, Principal Lyn Rivet said that attendance continues to hold at 97 percent, the same as last month. She said that a third request for confirmation of Marion residency was sent out, noting that fewer than ten students are unconfirmed as residents.

Ms. Rivet said that she had won a $500 gift certificate to OfficeMax from the Sippican School photography company. She said she plans to use the funds to purchase a mailbox for the school. Currently the school uses a U.S. Post Office box, which costs approximately $200 per year. The box will be similar to the one at the high school, which is a large "drop box" type container.

Food Service Director Suzanne Souza provided a hand out with the new meal choices recently made available to students. The meals are in addition to the regular hot lunch and are offered at the same price of $2.25 per student. The menu included five different salads, seven wrap sandwiches, three yogurt meals and peanut butter and jelly with salad. All meals come with fruit and milk. Ms. Souza said that starting February 28, a program of bringing in a local restaurant chef each month. The specially made food will be offered as a 'special menu item', said Ms. Souza.

In discussing the cafeteria meal and cost figures, it was estimated that 18 percent of the meals served at Sippican School were in the "free or reduced fee category". It was recommended by Chairman McCarthy that a reminder be put in the "virtual backpack" so that families can be reminded that they can sign up at anytime for the free or reduced meal costs, if qualified.

Facilities Manager Steven Murphy said that a transformer and a Co2 monitor had been replaced, and that he was reviewing quotes for energy conservation efforts in his review of water treatment systems for the boilers.

Mr. Scott said that the ORR District Technology Subcommittee met and did an inventory of the technology

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status of the junior and senior high school. On the agenda for their next meeting is how to form a replacement plan, possibly considering a lease/purchase program to keep up with technology.

The budget report was discussed and is on target for fiscal year 2011.

Mr. Pateakos said that a new pamphlet, that explains the SMEC program has been formulated and that a local printing company has agreed to print the booklets free of charge.

The minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting and executive session were approved with minor changes.

The Committee voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

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Tri-Town Board of Selectmen

By Laura Pedulli

A regular meeting of the Tri-Town Board of Selectmen was called to order by Marion Selectman Chairman Roger Blanchette at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 in the media room of Old Rochester Regional High School.

As the first order of business, the selectmen unanimously approved meeting minutes for September 29, 2010.

Shortly thereafter, the board appointed Chairman Blanchette to serve as selectmen representative to ORR's teacher negotiations.

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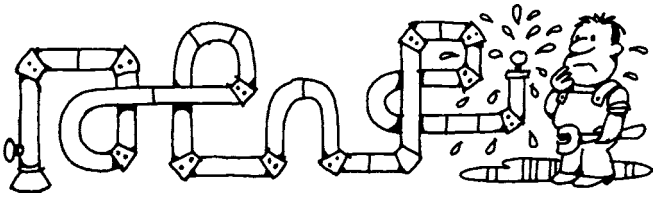

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Rochester Town Administrator Richard LaCamera then opened a discussion on challenges Rochester faces as it hammers out its Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget. Under the governor's budget presented in January, Chapter 70 education aid monies were reduced by 4 percent, which will require the town to level fund the FY 2012 school budget, Mr. LaCamera said.

"We are assuming the worst case scenario," commented Mattapoisett Selectmen Chairman Jordan Collyer, saying that the town will create the budget under the assumption of a 10 percent Chapter 70 cut. Also, he expressed concern about how assessments are skewed this year – last year, Mattapoisett came out ahead but could get hit this budgetary round. "I think keeping things flat will be beneficial to all of us," he said.

Marion Town Administrator Paul Dawson said that Marion is also assuming a 10 percent decrease given that the state is facing a $1.5 billion shortfall. "We would not expect to see the governor's budget hold up," he said.

Michael Gagne, Mattapoisett's Town Administrator, floated the idea of sending a letter from the Tri-Town Board of Selectmen to school committees urging them to rethink their strategies on health insurance rates during negotiations. Health insurance rates for FY 2012 could increase between 10 to 15 percent, he said, and already health insurance costs consume 10 percent of the town's budget.

"All the money raised from [Proposition 2 and a half] we use on insurance. And it is cutting us further and further down," he said.

Mr. LaCamera added that special education transportation costs are "out of control" and that the towns should do more to share vans to transport students.

"We brought this up at the beginning of the summer, and still have not seen one student being picked

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up with a common van. How do we get this going?" Chairman Collyer said.

Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Silva recommended that schools look at changing health plans, including using a lower option plan with a higher co-pay. The employees could pay less for a lower option plan but pay $10, instead of $5, for co-pays. "It would make a huge difference and be a relatively painless way of saving money," he said.

Selectman Silva also suggested phasing in lower contribution rates for new employees. "If you don't stop to slow the bleeding down, it is never going to stop," he said.

In the end, the Tri-Town board voted to send a

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letter to school committees urging the investigation of new health insurance plans, a reduction of insurance contributions, and consolidation of transportation for special education students.

Mr. Gagne then opened a discussion on Mattapoisett's PEG (public, education and government) access agreement with Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). Essentially, Mattapoisett – which under its current contract receives $10,000 per year to provide the government portion of the three-spoke PEG wheel – wishes to renegotiate to receive more funding for the purpose of televising all town board meetings.

Specifically, Mr. Gagne said he wants Mattapoisett to receive about $52,000 of the approximate $156,000 the town obtains in franchise payments – about one third – to provide government programming. "We think one third of the share is reasonable and equitable," he said.

A report distributed to board members laid out the specifics of Mattapoisett's government programming plan, which includes broadcasting Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, School Committee, Library Trustee and Council on Aging meetings and shows on special government topics, like Town Meeting warrant articles. He also envisions using ORR and University of Massachusetts students to help tape the meetings. The programs would be posted online "on demand," he said.

"This would enable people to see what

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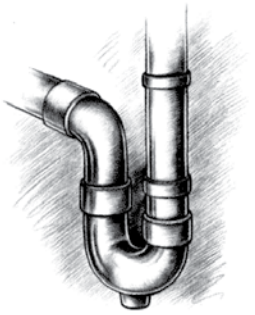

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government meetings are about," he said.

To achieve this end, he said the town would invest in obtaining new audio and visual equipment, including a 1994 VHS camera, and fixing three robotic cameras that are "beyond their shelf life." Mr. Gagne said his research shows that Mattapoisett is entitled to funds from an escrow account where $108,667 has been put aside for equipment upgrades. "We're looking to get those funds and get the equipment updated," he said.

Mr. Gagne then clarified that after a failure to submit payment for a quarterly invoice due last November – in addition to other money owed ORCTV – that the town has settled all of its payments with the station.

The next step, Mr. Gagne said, is opening negotiations with ORCTV to confirm exact numbers on how much the town will receive for government programming in the next contract.

"Whatever falls, we are willing to support the educational piece," added Mr. Silva, implying that if the negotiations fall through, Mattapoisett would still support ORR educational programs.

After the presentation, Chairman Blanchette said, "I'm concerned that without the three of us together, that we have the potential to put ORCTV out of business."

"I don't want to be the one to sink the ship," said Selectman Collyer. "However, our [$10,000 share] should have gone up incrementally." Even with the requested

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$52,000 to run government programming, "we are still above Rochester's amount," he said.

Mr. Gagne said that in FY 2010, the franchise fees added up to $389,768 from all three towns, although ORCTV Treasurer Drew Jeffrey disputed that amount. "That is something we'll have to talk about in negotiations," he said.

Responding to a question from Chairman Collyer about how much money ORCTV allocates to educational programming, Mr. Jeffrey responded, "about $69,000."

"Maybe schools should be getting a bigger portion," commented Chairman Blanchette.

The boards then appointed Rochester Selectman Bradley Morse, Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Silva and Marion Selectman Jon Henry and the three town administrators to serve on the ORCTV negotiation committee for the next contract.

In an informal discussion, Chairman Collyer asked the board members about their thoughts on sharing labor between towns for projects such as building sidewalks, roads and drainage systems. Mr. Gagne said the use of public workers for these tasks would build morale and save money, as outside contractors typically cost more. Also, the board discussed sharing equipment, some of which only is used by towns two or three times per year. Mr. LaCamera, Rochester town administrator, said his workers are not under a contract, and would be unable to participate, but the three towns agreed to

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further investigate resource sharing.

The board decided to postpone setting the next meeting date, and voted to adjourn at 8:07 pm.

School Report

How Snow Days Work

By Anne Smith

So, it's Thursday night, and the weather report looks bad. Scratch that, the weather report looks terrible. One news station is predicting four to six inches in the early hours of the next morning, another is predicting three to five, and still another is predicting three to five, but with an early shift to freezing rain for the Cape and

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Islands. In any case, the weather reports seem to point in one direction: a snow day on Friday. Students call each other at 7:30 pm, having just seen the latest report; some think that there will be a snow day, and some don't. Some students do their homework in case there is indeed school on Friday, while some do not, taking a risk. Everyone goes to bed like normal, and plans to follow their routine the next morning, only to wake up to the phone ringing just after 5:00 am. Mom answers it, and lo and behold, it's a recorded message from the superintendent. School for Friday has been cancelled, and everyone goes back to bed so that they can sleep in.

That's how snow days work from the perspective of students and parents. But what does a snow day, or even a prospective snow day, look like from the administration end of things? Well, only one word can offer a proper description: complicated.

The preparation within the school for a snow day begins almost as soon as a storm is forecast. "[The] Central Office immediately begins talking about student safety," Old Rochester Regional (ORR) High School Principal Mr. Devoll said. "From that point, it is an hour by hour decision based on the most up-to-date forecast possible."

The decision to cancel, delay school or dismiss students early is ultimately made by the Superintendent for the ORR School District, Douglas White. "[Mr. White] consults with the local Department of Public

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11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – The Register's Report
12:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
5:30 PM – Veterans Story
7:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – Physician Focus
8:00 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Presents
9:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Feb. 14, 2011
8:00 AM – Growing Old is Not for Sissies
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – The Future of Fishing
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM – White House Chronicle
9:30 PM – Army Newswatch
10:00 PM - Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday Feb. 15, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
10:30 AM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Homefront
7:25 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday Feb. 16, 2011
8:00 AM – Second Act
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – Future Talk
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Feb. 17, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – Joe the Water Pro
10:30 AM - Oven Luv'n with Chef Melisa
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
6:30 PM – Inside ORCTV
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Feb. 18, 2011
8:00 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - Cape Cod Book Scene
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:00 PM – Explore
5:30 PM – Earth Focus
6:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Second Act
8:00 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday Feb. 19, 2011
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10:00 AM – NASA 360
11:30 AM – Oven Luv'n with Chef Melisa
Noon – U-Mass Dartmouth Winter Sports
2:00 PM - Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
6:00 PM - New England Daycations
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

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8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
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4:00 PM – Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:15 PM - Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM - Rochester School Committee
9:55 AM - Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:05 PM - Rochester ZBA Hearing
4:05 PM – Rochester School Committee
6:00 PM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
7:05 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
10:15 PM - Rochester ZBA Hearing

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
8:30 AM – Teen TV – Teens Against Violence
9:00 AM – ORRHS Boys Basketball
10:30 AM - RMS - Readin', Ritin' & Rockin' 2010
1:00 PM – Tom Bliss Presents: NEC Prep Combo - January, 2011
2:00 PM – ORRHS Bulldog Dash 2010
5:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
5:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
6:25 PM – ORRHS Powder Puff Game 2010
7:00 PM – ORRHS Senior Superlative Gala - 2010
8:30 PM - ORRHS Bulldog TV - Fall 2010 Show
9:30 PM – Tom Bliss Presents: NEC Prep Combo - January, 2011

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Works to check on road and sidewalk conditions," Mr. Devoll explained the process. Mr. Devoll also named the District Facilities Director as one of the individuals who participate in the discussions about snow days. "His crew clears the campus of snow," Mr. Devoll said.

When Mr. White is considering cancelling school, delaying school, or dismissing students from school early, the factors for his decision are the conditions of the roads in the towns, the conditions of the campus, and the weather forecast for the following twenty-four hours. "The priorities are safety for students, parents, staff members, and families," Mr. Devoll said.

If it has been decided that school will be cancelled the following morning, Mr. White records a message for parents, students, and staff members and then uses the Connect Ed phone system to reach all of the phone numbers stored in the ORR School District directory. The "all call", as the automated phone message is called, is made at some point just after 5:00 am.

This year, a few of the snow days have turned out to be unnecessary, as the weather forecasts seemed to have exaggerated the realities of the storms. But, in Mr. Devoll's opinion, there is no such thing as a "miscalled snow day."

"Each situation is a guess," he said, "and not an exact science. Student safety is paramount. Erring on the side of caution is not a bad thing."

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Obituaries

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Mrs. Young was a member of the First Congregational Church in Rochester. She enjoyed antiquing, gardening and jam and jelly making.

Survivors include her widower; 3 sons, Jeremy Young of Taunton, Glenn Norman of Berkley and Shannon Hawks of New Bedford; a daughter, Glenda McMullen of FL; 4 step daughters, Brenda Lima, Linda Young, Dianne Santos and Kathy Strange; her brother, Clifford J. Hedges, III of Rochester; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces. She was the sister of the late Ronald F. Hedges.

Arrangements were by the Chapoman, Cole, Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. Donations in her memory may be made to the First Congregational Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Rochester, MA 02770.

Paul W. Wood, 80, of 9 Cummings Road, Winchendon, died peacefully Monday, January 31 in Heywood Hospital, Gardner. He was born in Cambridge on November 8, 1930, the son of the late Paul W. and Anna (Gross) Wood and had lived in Winchendon for five years. He previously lived in Mattapoisett for 30 years.

Paul proudly served in the United States Air Force for 23 years. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he returned to school and graduated from SMU, now known as the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. He then worked as a fisheries biologist for the NOAA in Woods Hole.

He loved to rescue dogs, which was his passion and he worked with dog therapy for many years at Sippican Nursing Home in Marion, MA. Paul was also a graduate of Rockland High School.

He leaves his wife of 54 years, Mildred F. (Reid) Wood; four children, Stanley Wood of Jackson, WY, Paula Clement of Milford, MA, Dean Wood of Corpus Christi, TX and Pamela Fleming and her husband Ed of Boxborough, MA, a sister, Jeanette Davenport of FL, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne in the spring. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the Animal Rescue League of ones choice. Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home, 343 Central Street, Winchendon is directing arrangements.

Paul Eugene Epps, a lifelong Carson City resident and businessman, passed away Jan. 29, 2011. He was 68 years old. Mr. Epps was born March 16, 1942, in Willows, Calif., the son of Paul and Virginia (Preston) Epps. He served in the United States Navy, serving on the USS Ticonderoga for two years active duty and four years reserve duty.

Mr. Epps is survived by his daughter Tammy Epps and her husband Rich Viera of Marion, Mass., sisters Gloria and Nancy, and brother Marvin all of Phoenix, Ariz.
Arrangements were by the Autumn Funerals & Cremations.

Dan A. McGaffey, 74, of Rochester, died Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River. He was the husband of Kathryn "Kate" A. (Gillon) McGaffey. Born in Detroit, MI, he was the son of the late Donald & Rosalee (Cain) McGaffey.

Mr. McGaffey graduated from the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario and received his master's degree from the University of Puerto Rico. He was employed as social worker for the Committee for Public Counsel Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Fall River. Previously, he was a social worker for the Family Services Association in Boston and was the association's first Spanish speaking social worker. He also did social work at both Plymouth County and Dedham House of Corrections.

In Rochester, Mr. McGaffey was a former town selectman and was a current member of the Rochester Planning Board. He also served on the Rochester Memorial School Building Committee. Mr. McGaffey was also a dedicated member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion.

He is survived by his wife Kate; his children, Frances McGaffey of Washington, D.C., Andrew McGaffey of Rochester and Michele McGaffey and her partner Steve Matos of Stoughton; his brothers, John McGaffey of Flint, MI, Paul McGaffey of Alberta, Canada, Martin McGaffey of Sioux Falls, SD, David McGaffey of Alameda, CA and Donald Peter McGaffey of Redford, MI; his grandchildren, Jacoby and Nathan Matos, and Jessica Smith and her partner Stephen Bennett of Berkley; and his great grandson, Kaleb Bennett.

A memorial service at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church will be held at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine St., Rochester, MA 02770 OR St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church (courtyard renovation), P.O. Box 545, Marion, MA 02738.

Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Ina E. (Youngson) Westgate, 69, of Marion, died Feb. 7, 2011 at home. She was the widow of the late John F. Westgate and the daughter of the late William J. and Emeline D. (Barnes) Youngson.

She was born in Marion and lived there all of her life. Mrs. Westgate worked as a housekeeper at private homes in the area for many years before retiring. She was an avid NASCAR fan.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Sue Westgate of Marion and Bonnie Baker of East Wareham; a son, Robert Westgate of MO; a granddaughter, Angelica Baker of East Wareham; 2 sisters, Eleanor Mcgee of Marion and Judy Harris of MS; several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by a daughter, Betty Malloch and a brother, William R. Youngson.

Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011 in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham. Burial will follow in the North Marion Cemetery.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5 Manley St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

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February 1, when school was dismissed according to its normal schedule, rather than early for the weather. Mr. Devoll said that ORR considered having an early dismissal, but after consulting with the individual towns, received the recommendation to let school dismiss normally. "The roads were safer at 2:15 pm than they were at 11:30 am due to the work of the town crews," Mr. Devoll explained. Thus, sometimes it is better to sit tight and let the roads be cleared than panic and rush home early, when the conditions happen to be worse.

On days with poor road conditions and bad weather, Mr. Devoll said that the school district hopes that student drivers operate safely and appropriately. "However," Mr. Devoll said, "we know that is not the reality. Fortunately, we have not had any serious injuries this year."

There has been a rumor going around the school among students that the seniors must make up one day of school for every five snow days. When Mr. Devoll was asked about this, he was unable to verify the statement.

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Sports Shorts

By Benjamin Resendes

Old Rochester Girls Basketball – The lady Bulldogs swept another win last week as they crushed New Bedford Voc-Tech with a score of 65-39. It seems like no one can beat the team this season. **Kelsey Johnson**, who was on fire for the game, scored 28 points for the bulldogs. Perhaps the Bulldogs wanted to crush the Voc Tech team for the loss they suffered (55-50) at the beginning of the season.

By the end of the first quarter, the team had an amazing lead of 15-4. Throughout the rest of the game, the players were able to successfully score 23 of 34 three-point shots. They were also able to force the Voc-Tech girls

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Editor's Pick of the Week

Carbon Diet from Colombia to Marion

By Laura Pedulli

As Americans, we represent four percent of the population, but consume 25 percent of the resources – and for this reason we should take steps to reduce our impact on the environment, says the Marion Institute. To help lead the way, Marion Institute Executive Director Desa Van Laarhoven is on a "carbon diet", which means she is taking action to reduce her carbon footprint on the planet.

"We have a responsibility to the world and the future to be accountable," Ms. Van Laarhoven explained.

A carbon footprint – which refers to the amount of greenhouse gases (CO2 and other gases) individuals produce – is a measurement that shows the impact of certain activities on the environment, from a car one drives, to the food one consumes, to home energy usage. The burning of fossil fuels by these activities is believed to be among the main contributors of climate change.

"We try to do all we can in our personal lives to mirror our beliefs," Ms. Van Laarhoven said, in the hope that her efforts are contagious. To that end, she said buying local, recycling, and finding creative ways to reduce driving, like telecommuting once per week, are ways to reduce your carbon footprint. For companies, that would translate into participating in energy audits and encouraging recycling, among other actions.

Despite anyone's best efforts, Ms. Van Laarhoven recognizes the impossibility of being completely weaned from fossil fuels in a society that so fundamentally depends on them in most aspects of life.

That is where an eco-village called Las Gaviotas in Colombia comes in.

In a time when it seems insurmountable to reverse the trends of environmental degradation on the planet, a project in Colombia is offering some hope that damage can at least be partly reversed. The eco-village, where about 200 locals reside, is engaging in cutting edge technology that has led to the regeneration of 20,000 acres old tropical rainforest. Investing in this project, according to the Marion Institute, is another way to offset our carbon emissions.

The man behind Las Gaviotas – Paolo Lugari – is an internationally known environmentalist who is friend and partner with the Marion Institute.

About 24 years ago, this American-educated man set about to change the landscape of an arid region in northern Colombia. He first planted Caribbean pine trees, a non-native species, which grew in abundance, and in the process, captured rainwater to pull water up from deep aquifers. The water germinated old seeds from rainforests long gone that are still present in the soil, which grew and eventually replaced the pine trees. "Trees and plants act as a type of filter, as they 'breathe' in the CO2, cleaning the air and converting it into stored carbon," according to Marion Institute literature.

The village is "self sustaining", as all water comes from the aquifers, Ms. Van Laarhoven added. Some of the technology is so advanced that the Marion Institute has assisted Mr. Lugari in obtaining patents to ensure that no companies sell the technology, which can be used in other parts of the world. Indonesia and most recently Haiti are looking to replant trees with technology developed at Las Gaviotas.

Marion Institute became involved with the village about five years ago, said Ms. Van Laarhoven. "[Mr. Lugari] wanted to teach people a working model, and let them know it can work," she said. "He sees the hope in the world. He wants to move toward solutions and begin the healing process of nature."

In addition to encouraging individual action on reducing one's carbon footprint, the Marion Institute is asking for $7 donations to help support the eco-village.

"You shouldn't just write a check, but think about the future and what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint," Ms. Van Laarhoven said. The Marion Institute has done its own fundraising, and has recently secured $16,000 from a Boston law firm to plant 16,000 trees. "We're here to try to get the word out," she said.

Mr. Lugari recently invited Marion Institute staff to visit the site this November. The staff will attend discussion sessions in Bogota and visit the village, but for safety reasons will be unable to stay overnight, Ms. Van Laarhoven said.

But you don't have to live in Las Gaviotas to make a difference. Ms. Van Laarhoven applauded local residents for doing their part to develop habits with sustainability in mind.

"I'm inspired by the people in Marion who look at themselves to change," she said, citing efforts to encourage local food production and community gardening.

"We have the choice if we want to be part of the problem or part of the solution," she said.

For more information on the initiative, visit www.MarionInstitute.org.

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to give up 32 turnovers. **Abby Offringa**, a lady bulldog guard, was able to keep up the defense for the girls. She prevented the Voc girls from scoring some game changing baskets. **Shanice DaSilva**, another crowd favorite, was present and playing to the top of her potential. Another great win for the Lady Bulldogs brings some pride for ORR.

Old Rochester Boys Track – David Romanowicz was the star that stood out for the running and jumping events. Scoring first in the Hurdles, he completed with a time of 7.1 seconds. He also placed first in the high jump, clearing 5 feet 9 inches. This only adds to his already impressive "track" record. **Mike Tiger** ran an amazing time of 4.54.1 minutes in the mile. Another amazing victory for ORR was the two-mile stint that **Walker Fuchs** ran with a time of 11.17.1; his brother **Nathaniel Fuchs** also placed in the 600 dash (1:35.5). **Dana Dourdeville** ran an amazing 1000-meter dash with a time of 2:41.7. Mr. Dourdeville has evolved as a runner, his first few years being the major Bulldog distance runner, but now he runs everything with optimum efficiency. Another win for the Bulldogs was the 4 by 400-meters. A quartet of **Ben Bungert**, **Nick Nadueau**, Mr. Dourdeville and Mr. Tiger all ran for a win. When asked about his efforts for the track team, Mr. Tiger had this to say: "I'm really glad to be running for this team. To win races side-by-side with people like Dana and Ben is just incredible; coach **[Bill] Tilden** is great too. I'm happy to say I put a lot of effort into these races."

Old Rochester Girls Track – The girls' team demolished Wareham this last week, when they beat them with a score that was 73-11. It seemed as though Wareham just couldn't put enough edge on their running, jumping or throwing; not to say they didn't play well. The now well-known **Ally Saccone** had a triple victory. She started with a new school record when she ran a 6.2 in the 50-yard dash. She placed first in the 50 dash hurdles, when she ran a 7.2 second race and she closed off her night with a high jump of 4-8**. Sarah Demello**, **Kristen Fuller**, **Becca Davis** and **Abby Hiller** made up the 4 by 400 team. With a time of 4:53.7, they won the race. **Emily Roseman** won the two mile (13:02), **Steph Barrett** in the 1000 (3:28) and **Alex Bare** with shot-put (32-2 and a half). It was an amazing meet as the girls add another win to their perfect record of 7-0.

Corrections

•An article titled "Town House Repair Options Weighed" in the February 3, 2011 issue, required clarification. The elevated copper levels in Marion were found in wastewater, not drinking water. Further, the potential location for a new Town House should have read "Washburn Field," not "Washburn Park".

•An article titled "Towns Participate in Homeless Count" incorrectly reported that Rochester had not participated in the homeless count. The Rochester Police Department did participate in the homeless count and

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TriTown Happenings

About 15 graduates from ORR's cheer clinic, ages 7 to 9, performed with the ORR Varsity Bulldog Cheerleaders on Friday, February 4, 2011. The performance was part of a fundraiser for cheerleaders to purchase uniforms and other related cheer materials. Photos by Jim Mahaney.

Above: It was derby time for local Cub Scouts, who participated in the 2011 Pinewood Derby on February 5, 2011 at Old Rochester Regional Junior High. Photos courtesy of John DeMaggio.

Above: Sippican School got wild on February 7, 2011 when Mike Kohlrieser and his wildlife friends visited the school for a special performance, "The Rain Forest." Photos by Felix Perez.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

reported zero homeless. Additionally Tracy Eldridge was listed as Deputy Police Officer while her position should have been listed as Chief Dispatcher.

ORRJHS Students of the Month

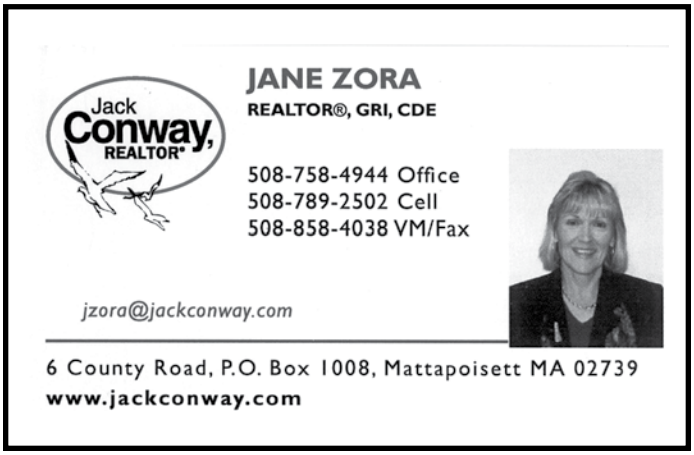
Kevin Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following students of the month for January 2001:

- Green Team: **Sarah Rogers** and **Stephen Burke**
- Blue Team: **Amy Bichajian** and **Evan Roznoy**
- Orange Team: **Samantha Malatesta** and **Norman L'Heureux**
- Red Team: **Bridget Andrews** and **William and Evan Santos**
- Special Areas: **Anne Tucker** and **Peter Sands**

Tri-Town Early Childhood Program

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Program, located at Old Rochester Regional High School, is currently accepting applications for the 2011/2012 school year. A limited number of spaces are available. Applications will be accepted until April 1. The enrollment policy is based on a balance of three and four-year-olds, a balance of boys and girls, and a balance among residents of the three member towns.

The preschool program serves three and four-year-olds and follows the school calendar. It is unique in that it provides a high quality early childhood education



opportunity to preschoolers, while also offering high school students a chance to learn about working in the early childhood education field. A licensed early childhood teacher and a rotation of high school students staff the classroom.

For an application or for more information, contact Jennifer Carreiro at 508-758-2772, extension 1955.

South Coast Sustainable Cinema

The South Coast Sustainable Cinema series will be presenting a free screening of the film the "Yes Men Fix the World" on Thursday, **February 17** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The screening will take place at Tabor Academy on 85 Spring Street in Marion, MA and will be followed by a

Movie Review

Abyss-mal

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Sanctum.* Starring Richard Roxburgh and Ioan Gruffudd. Directed by Alister Grierson. Running time: 109 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Swimming in a tight cave tunnel miles underground and miles *underwater* sounds like the most terrifying, claustrophobic experience I can imagine. If you get stuck, you're screwed on two different levels, and either way you're going to die very unpleasantly. Imagine my surprise that *Sanctum,* which involves doing that very thing, botches any opportunity for suspense.

One scene in particular drops the ball pretty hard. Five divers swim through an especially tight spot. The least experienced diver — a woman — brings up the rear, because, as she's told, "If you panic, everyone behind you is dead." So the first four divers make it through, and then the woman gets stuck. Cut to: four guys wondering where the woman is. Cut to: the woman, being stuck. Cut to: one of the guys, her boyfriend, indicating that maybe he'd *better make sure she's not dead or something*. Cut to: the woman, finally making it through. What these cutaways do is destroy any horror in the moment. We could've been put in that panicking woman's position as she blew precious air out and struggled to get free. We aren't.

It didn't have to be this way. As all the ads trumpet, *Sanctum* is executive-produced by James Cameron, whose *The Abyss* was the most intense and traumatizing underwater film since *Das Boot*. But he's not in the director's chair here. Someone named Alister Grierson is. This someone named Alister Grierson might do better with a different story (he's made one other feature, an Aussie war picture), or something that doesn't involve caves, diving, or 3D.

Ah, yes, the 3D. People see "James Cameron" and "3D" in the ads and they might think of *Avatar,* or they might think of his two 3D underwater documentaries. If he is lucky, they will not think of *Sanctum*. The movie makes very little effective use of 3D once it goes inside the cave, which happens about a reel in. There's no spatial or visual wonder in the cave, which in any case looks either computer-designed or carved out of styrofoam. We don't feel we're there, or anywhere in particular. The underwater photography flattens everything. The above-water acting flattens every character. One actress, Alice Parkinson as the aforementioned woman, sounds suspiciously dubbed. Richard Roxburgh, as the tough-as-nails leader of the expedition, is your standard-issue obsessive who's alienated his grown son, who also happens to be along for the journey.

The official plot motor, supposedly based on an actual experience that co-writer Andrew Wight had, traps five people in this massive cave after a storm blocks their way out. For a more visceral based-in-fact film pitting human against nature, I refer you to *127 Hours,* which is playing at the Nickelodeon in North Falmouth. That film, anchored by a fully committed James Franco performance, conveys the thrill and agony and triumph of putting one's body in the uncaring company of ancient rocks. For a more gripping James Cameron underwater adventure, I advise you to Netflix *The Abyss*. For wooden acting, stupid plot elements (like a climactic fight ending in one guy getting impaled on a stalagmite), and scene after scene in which you can't see and don't care what's going on, by all means waste some of your afternoon on *Sanctum*.

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The "Yes Men Fix the World" is a screwball true story about two gonzo political activists who, posing as top executives of giant corporations, lie their way into big business conferences and pull off the world's most outrageous pranks from New Orleans to India to New York City.

The South Coast Sustainable Cinema series is brought to you by the Marion Institute and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Fairhaven. The "Yes Men Fix the World" is the second film in the six part series. For more information on the South Coast Sustainable Cinema please visit, www.marioninstitute.org.

WWII Veterans Share Stories

Please come to the Mattapoisett Historical Museum to learn from the experiences and memories of Martin Smith and Norman Cayer, both veterans of the Second World War on Sunday, **March 6** at 2:00 pm in the Historical Society Museum and Carriage House. Refreshments will follow.

In 1944, during World War II, Staff Sergeant Martin Smith was a tail gunner for a Flying Fortress, or B-17, flying on his eighth heavy bombing mission to Germany. His plane crashed in France, and he spent the remainder of the war in two German POW Stalags. Martin will bring this to life through the stories he brings to the Mattapoisett Historical Society, including ones about a near lynching, a nightmare trek across Germany, and the ingenious ways in which POWs coped with hunger and the tedium of the Stalag existence. Martin will also bring artifacts from his POW days including a knapsack crafted from a shirt, a hat that he bartered for cigarettes, and his diary written on the backs of cigarette packages.

Petty Officer First Class Norman Cayer enlisted in the Navy in 1942 while still a student at Providence College. His first assignment at sea was on a small oil vessel. Later he was aboard a personnel carrier that

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Tri-Town Police Logs

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Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 05

•Front St – Motor vehicle stop
•Indian Cove Rd – Burglar alarm
•Converse Rd – Animal complaint
•Point Rd – Disturbance
•Spring St – Disturbance/arrest
•Mill St – Medical emergency
•South St – Health/welfare
•Mill St – General service
•School St – Medical emergency
•Mill St – MVA/property
•Front St – Animal complaint
•County Rd – MVA/injury
•Point Rd – Burglar alarm
•Mill St – Medical emergency
•Barnabas Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Wareham Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Spring St – Parking violation
•Mill St – MVA/property
•Delano Rd – Medical emergency
•Converse Rd – Motor vehicle complaint
•Front St – Suspicious person
•Rte 195 east – DMV
•Rte 195 west – MVA/property
•Parkway Ln – Civil complaint
•Route 105 – Animal complaint
•Front St – General service
•Mill St – General offense
•Tobey Hosp – Medical transfer
•Mill St – Abandoned 911 call
•Ryder's Ln – Motor vehicle stop

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 05

•North St – MV violations
•Church St – Property found
•Park Pl – General service
•Sagamore Rd – Ambulance request
•County Rd - General service
•Park St – MV general
•Marion Rd – Drugs/narcotics
•Acushnet Rd – MV violations
•Rte 195 east – Ambulance request
•Aucoot Rd – MV general
•Brandt Island Rd – Ambulance request
•I195 west – MV crash
•County Rd – Traffic control
•North St – MV crash
•Tallman St – Disabled MV
•Marion Rd – MV crash
•Crystal Spring Rd – Suspicious other
•Industrial Dr – General services
•Main St – Alarm, fire
•Gifford's Corner – MV crash
•Crystal Spring Rd – Vandalism
•Deerfield Rd – Disabled MV
•Industrial Dr – MV crash
•Homestead Ct – Alarm fire
•Pearl St – Transport general
•Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
•Cedar point Rd – General service
•Long Plain Rd – Fire, other
•West Silvershell Ave – Alarm, burglar
•Water St – Safety/road hazard

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan 30-Feb 5

•Pine St – General services
•Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
•Hartley Rd – Ambulance request
•Pauline's Way – Investigation
•Cushman Rd – Domestic disturbance
•County Rd – Motor vehicle accident
•Mendell Rd – Traffic hazard
•Hartley Rd – Motor vehicle accident
•Braley Hill Rd – Motor vehicle accident
•Wamsutta Ln – General services
•Neck Rd – Annoying phone calls
•Cranberry Hwy – Motor vehicle stop
•Neck Rd – Investigation
•North Ave – Ambulance request
•Ryder Ln – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – Motor vehicle stop
•Vaughn Hill Rd – fire, other
•Sarah Sherman Rd – Lockout
•Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
•Springwood Dr – General services
•Walnut Plain Rd – Highway matter
•North Ave – Suspicious activity
•Snipatuit Rd – Information only
•High St – Disabled MV
•Robinson Rd – Motor vehicle accident
•Marion Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•New Bedford Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Kings Hwy – General service
•Constitution Way – Disabled MV
•County Rd – Motor vehicle stop

Regional Lunch Menus

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Thursday February 17: Roast turkey w/ gravy, cranberry sauce, parmesan mash potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, pudding
Friday February 18: Beef & Bean casserole, Tahitian blend veg, multigrain roll, fresh fruit

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Tuesday February 15: Pepperoni sandwich pleezers, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk,
Wednesday February 16: Chicken parm w/pasta, vegetable, roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Thursday February 17: French toast sticks, syrup, lite sausage, hash browns, 100% juice, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Friday February 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

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Tuesday February 15: Pizza Crucher, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk,
Wednesday February 16: American Chop Suey, (macaroni, beef and sauce), roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Thursday February 17: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Friday February 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday February 14: Heart shaped chicken nuggets, oven baked fries, vegetable, heart shaped cookie, choice of milk, choice of fruit
Tuesday February 15: Hamburger on a bun w/wo cheese, oven baked fries, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday February 16: Chicken parm over pasta, salad, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Thursday February 17: Taco with lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream, rice, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Friday February 18: Appetizer platter, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday February 14: Heart shaped super pretzel w/dipping sauce, vegetable, festive Jello, heart shaped cookie
Tuesday February 15: Pizza Crucher, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk,
Wednesday February 16: American Chop Suey, (macaroni, beef and sauce), roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Thursday February 17: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Friday February 18: Our own pizza, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk

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Monday February 14: Heart shaped super pretzel w/dipping sauce, vegetable, festive Jello, heart shaped cookie
Tuesday February 15: Pizza Crucher, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk,
Wednesday February 16: Rotini with meat sauce, roll, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Thursday February 17: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk
Friday February 18: Sal's pizza, vegetable, choice of fruit, choice of milk

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday February 14: Cheeseburger, pasta salad, baked beans, carrots, apple sauce
Tuesday February 15: Asian chicken bowl with rice, broccoli, peaches
Wednesday February 16: Egg sandwich, home, fries, carrots, mixed fruit
Thursday February 17: Meatballs sub, fries, peas, apple slices
Friday February 18: Stuffed crust pizza, salad, fruit

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participated in the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945. This carrier was part of a 1000-vessel fleet that had to move in unison. Okinawa was the largest amphibious invasion of the Pacific campaign and the last major campaign of the Pacific War. More ships were used, more troops put ashore, more supplies transported, more bombs dropped, and more naval guns were fired against shore targets than any other operation in the Pacific. After WWII, Norman returned home, but remained a member of the Fleet Reserve of New Bedford. As a young husband, father, and a reporter, Norman was recalled to serve in the Korean Conflict. He served aboard the Tarawa, a carrier out of Brooklyn, NY as well as the USS Wright. Norman will describe daily life aboard a naval carrier as well as personal experiences of the conflict including harrowing storms at sea.

MAC Valentine Events

The Marion Art Center is hosting two special events to celebrate Valentine's Day:

• "**A Cabaret Night of Love Songs"** with musical entertainment by the Occasion Singers is scheduled for Friday, **February 11** at 7:30 pm. This group is an elegant a cappella vocal group directed by Cassandra Morgan with singers Christopher Saulnier, Rui Moniz, Jacqueline Hinckley, Eric Bosworth and Caroline Blais. They will perform some jazz and light pop classics such as "It Had to be You", "Embraceable You", "Fly Me To The Moon", "My Funny Valentine", and many other standards and some surprises.

For an extra romantic touch, audience members can say, "I Love You," with a Vocal Valentine. For an extra $15, the Occasion Singers will dedicate one of their love songs to audience members during the show. For more information on how to reserve this unique Valentine gift, please contact the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or marionartcenter@verizon.net as soon as possible so that all requests may be honored.

Tickets for the Cabaret are $10 for MAC members and $12.50 for general admission. Guests are invited to bring their own refreshments. MAC will provide soft drinks. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 508-748-1266 for tickets. Tables are available for reserved parties of four or more.

• **"A Special Valentine Party"** is scheduled for Saturday, **February 12**, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. The event will be held for boys and girls and their grownups, and include sweet treats, music and a keepsake craft project for the children and the grownups to create together. Tickets are $8 for members and $10 for non-members. Space is limited, so please make your reservation by calling the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 or stop by the Center during our business hours: Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Gospel Choir Performance

On Saturday, **February 19** at 7:00 pm, the Tremont Temple Gospel Choir will present a concert at Community Baptist Church of Marion located at 441 Front Street, (Route 105) Marion, Massachusetts.

The Tremont Temple Gospel Choir, under the direction of Geoff Hicks, started in the fall of 2006 at

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72 Reagan and Wilson
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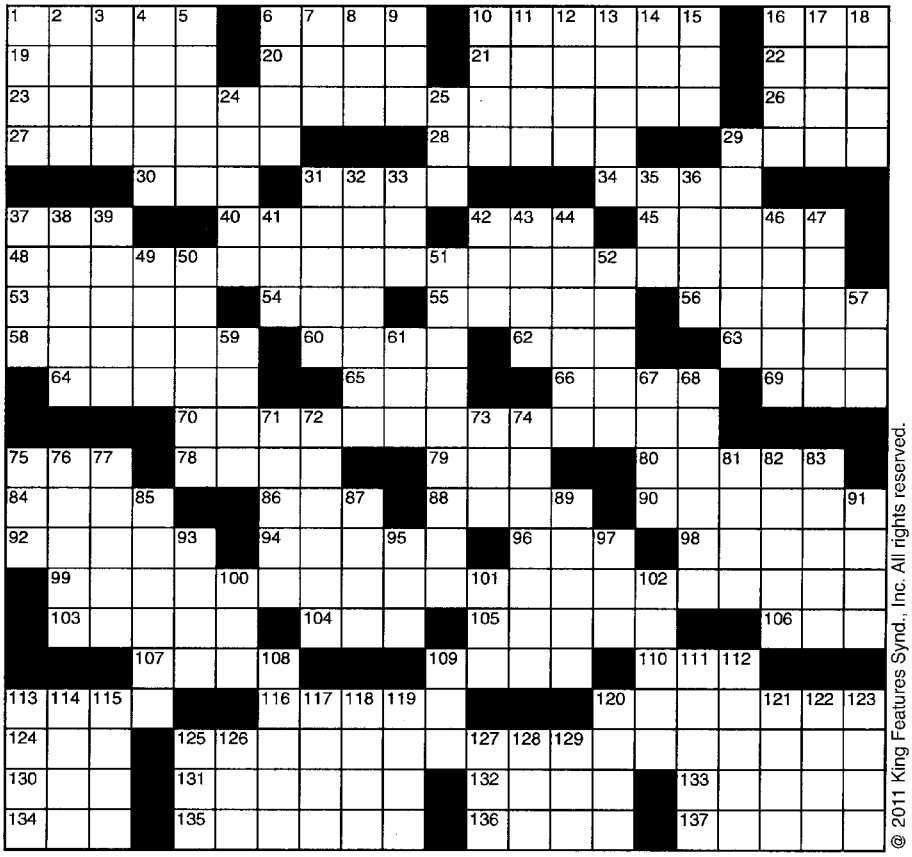

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem suddenly could produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness is legendary, and so is your strong sense of responsibility.

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Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Boston, and is a diverse mix of people with different backgrounds, united in singing together for the glory of the Lord. The Gospel Choir has sung for various churches in the greater Boston area, the Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and was recently chosen as one of the gospel choir finalists in the "How Sweet the Sound" gospel choir competition in Newark, New Jersey.

A free-will offering will be taken that evening for the benefit of the choir.

Machacam Club News

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on **March 2** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

The February Machacam meeting was canceled, but February's speaker has agreed to visit in March. Thanks to Will Collyer, the Machacam speaker will be Chris Folan, an environmental police officer. Officer Folan will show a taped presentation and answer questions from the membership. With all the discussion on NOAA's "Catch Shares" initiative, it should be a most interesting meeting.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Please report your lists not later than 9:00 pm on February 28 by calling 508-758-9311 or email epfnr@aol.com. Members may make last minute changes by calling the same phone number or email no later than 9:00 am on March 1.

Notices to Rochester Residents

• **Rochester Fiscal Year 2010 tax bills** were mailed January 21. The first half payment is due **February 22**. The second half will be due **May 2**. If paying by personal online banking, allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited. If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871 ext. 16. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements please contact the Assessor's office at 508-763-5250.

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The Wanderer's Annual Oscar Pick Contest

Now that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has revealed the nominees for the 83rd Annual Oscar telecast, it's time once again for our annual Oscar Pick Contest. Just check off who you think will win in each of the six following major categories and mail in this ballot to: **Wanderer Oscar Pick Contest, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**. You can also vote online via our website at **www.wanderer.com**. The deadline to enter is **Friday, February 25th at 3:00 PM.** Those who pick all or the majority of the winners will be entered into a random drawing to receive a special Wanderer gift bag of movie-related goodies. The winner will be announced in our March 3rd issue. The Oscar telecast will be on **Sunday night, February 27th at 8:00 PM** on ABC, and the final results will be available on our web page on March 8th.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS
- ❏ **Amy Adams in "The Fighter"**
- ❏ **Helena Bonham Carter in "The King's Speech"**
- ❏ **Melissa Leo in "The Fighter"**
- ❏ **Hailee Steinfeld in "True Grit"**
- ❏ **Jacki Weaver in "Animal Kingdom"**

BEST ACTRESS
- ❏ **Annette Bening in "The Kids Are All Right"**
- ❏ **Nicole Kidman in "Rabbit Hole"**
- ❏ **Jennifer Lawrence in "Winter's Bone"**
- ❏ **Natalie Portman in "Black Swan"**
- ❏ **Michelle Williams in "Blue Valentine"**

BEST DIRECTOR
- ❏ **"Black Swan" by Darren Aronofsky**
- ❏ **"The Fighter" by David O. Russell**
- ❏ **"The King's Speech" by Tom Hooper**
- ❏ **"The Social Network" by David Fincher**
- ❏ **"True Grit" by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen**

Enter on-line at **www.wanderer.com**
or mail in this ballot to: **Wanderer Oscar Pick Contest, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR
- ❏ **Christian Bale in "The Fighter"**
- ❏ **John Hawkes in "Winter's Bone"**
- ❏ **Jeremy Renner in "The Town"**
- ❏ **Mark Ruffalo in "The Kids Are All Right"**
- ❏ **Geoffrey Rush in "The King's Speech"**

BEST ACTOR
- ❏ **Javier Bardem in "Biutiful"**
- ❏ **Jeff Bridges in "True Grit"**
- ❏ **Jesse Eisenberg in "The Social Network"**
- ❏ **Colin Firth in "The King's Speech"**
- ❏ **James Franco in "127 Hours"**

BEST PICTURE
- ❏**"Black Swan" Mike Medavoy, Brian Oliver and Scott Franklin**
- ❏**"The Fighter" David Hoberman, Todd Lieberman and Mark Wahlberg**
- ❏**"Inception" Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan**
- ❏**"The Kids Are All Right" Gary Gilbert, Jeffrey Levy-Hinte and Celine Rattray**
- ❏**"The King's Speech" Iain Canning, Emile Sherman and Gareth Unwin**
- ❏**"127 Hours" Christian Colson, Danny Boyle and John Smithson**
- ❏**"The Social Network" Scott Rudin, Dana Brunetti, Michael De Luca and Ceán Chaffin**
- ❏**"Toy Story 3" Darla K. Anderson**
- ❏**"True Grit" Scott Rudin, Ethan Coen and Joel Coen**
- ❏**"Winter's Bone "Anne Rosellini and Alix Madigan-Yorkin**

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• **Transfer Station** and **Marion beach permits** are available at the Selectmen's office. The permits have been combined for a fee of $20. Your vehicle registration is required at time of purchase. Wings Cove permits must now be obtained from the Town of Marion.

Marion Street Census Reminder

For Marion residents, please return or telephone in the 2011 Annual Street Listing (Census) immediately to the Marion Town Clerk, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

Home visits will be made to all residents failing to respond. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with questions.

Rochester Historical Society

The next meeting of the Rochester Historical Society will be on Wednesday, **February 16** at 7:00 pm at the East Rochester Church/Museum. Members are invited to bring items that others may not be able to identify for a "What is it?" program. See if others can guess its purpose. All are welcome.

COA Seeks Board Members

The Mattapoisett Council on Aging is currently accepting letters of interest from individuals wishing to be considered for a seat on the COA Advisory Board. The current board is seeking individuals interested in contributing fresh ideas for current and new programming in support of well being throughout later life. Individuals should be prepared to attend board meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Please send letters to COA Board Search Committee, at the Mattapoisett COA, P.O. Box 528, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Tri-Town Business Meeting

The guest speaker at the Tri-Town Business Association **February 16** meeting will be Jim Kendall, a consultant to the fishing industry in New Bedford. Mr. Kendall is familiar with every aspect of the fishing industry, having been a boat captain for many years. Mr. Kendall has acted as an intermediary between the fishing industry and politicians, both on state and national levels. He has many stories to share about the systems installed or being installed to track boats at any time responding to mayday calls.

Meetings of the Tri-Town Business Association take place at the Fellowship Hall, behind the First Congregational Church, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester. The meetings begin at 8:00 am and end at 9:00 am, and bring together business owners, schools and residents of the Tri-Town area, giving them an opportunity to meet with others, share ideas and network.

For further information, check the web site at www.tri-town-business.org or contact Bruce Kaiser,

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #644 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2011, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House in order to reopen the closed application of T-Mobile Northeast LLC for:

1. Special Permit under section(s) 8.3.A.3 and 2.3.3 of the zoning by-law to allow a wireless communication facility in the Residence C District as provided under Article X, Section 8.3; and

2. A variance from sections Article X, Section 5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow a telecommunications tower at a height of 130 feet; and

3. Waiver under Article X, Section 8.3.A.2. for tower height setback from rear property line.

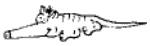
The property, located at 4 Derby Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 11 as Lot 18B.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals 02/03, 0210

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday,
February 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Debra L. Blais.
The Applicant proposes to install a 4'x 12' outdoor shower and changing area enclosure. The enclosure will be located at the southeasterly corner of the existing dwelling and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone AE (El. 16) and the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Dune, B.V.W. and Salt Marsh system.
The project is known as 44 Pico Beach Road and is further identified as Lot #23 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #6.
Conservation Commission 02/10

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission's meeting on February 9, 2011 has been cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. The hearings and appointments for discussion scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011 will be held at their same hearing/appointment times (Merrow at 7:00 PM, Hubbard at 7:10 PM, Pappalardo at 7:20 PM and Bay Watch at 7:30 PM) on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street.
Joel D. Hartley, Chairman 02/10

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall on a Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Gina Shorrock, 4 Gary Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The Applicant proposes to install an above ground pool.
The project is located at 4 Gary Drive and is further identified as Lot #76.0 on Assessors Map #14.0.
Conservation Commission 02/10



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

Each time you find the Aardvark you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Aardvark Prizes.

If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Aardvark Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *"I Found the Aardvark"*

In the February 3, 2011 issue the Aardvark was on page 51!

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Tri-Town Flood Plain Map

As part of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Modernization Program, the Towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester will be receiving new digital Food Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports as part of a countrywide update for Plymouth County, Massachusetts. A previous correspondence had indicated that map adoption would occur during late 2010 or early 2011.

In order to accommodate due process activities and allow each community's annual meetings to adopt the new DFIRMS and FIS report, the Letter of Final Determination will now be scheduled between December 2011 and January 2012, making the maps effective June/July 2012. Please note this new timeline.

Old Rochester Little League

Registration – Old Rochester Little League is pleased to announce that registration for the 2011 season is underway. Registration for the newly formed Old Rochester Little League will continue via an online process until **February 25**. Interested players can download a printable registration form at: www.orll.net.

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Jayda Dorothy Fortin	February 15
DJ MacDonald	February 16
Marcia (Camacho) Gracia	February 16
Michael J. Casey	February 16
Michael Schroeder	February 16

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by Linda Thistle

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For all leagues, the signature of at least one parent or legal guardian will be required, with proof or residence (copy of child's report card preferred), and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected, copied, filed and returned at the opening of the season.

Little League, founded in 1939 in Williamsport, PA, is the world's largest youth sports program with more than 2.8 million children and 1 million volunteers in more than 100 countries. More than 30 million people have played in Little League programs. This year, approximately 300 children will compete in several divisions of play in baseball in Old Rochester Little League.

For more, please contact us at orllquestions@gmail.com or visit www.orll.net to "Ask as Question". For more information on Little League, visit the Little League Website at www.LittleLeague.org.

• **Logo Contest** – ORLL is hosting a logo contest with a cash prize of $250 to the winner. The contest is open to everyone and the deadline **March 18**.

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Please mail entries, including name, age, address and phone number to: P.O. Box 236 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Contact Jamie Dwyer by email at jdwyer33@verizon.net or by phone 508-415-3955 with any questions. The contest winner will be announced March 25.

Mattapoisett's Women's Club

Join the Mattapoisett Women's Club on Thursday, **February 17** to learn about this region's vibrant local food community. Speaking will be Margie Baldwin, a local expert on whole foods. Joining her will be Sarah Cogswell, of Southeastern Massachusetts Agricultural Partnership (SEMAP).

Margie and Michael Baldwin formed their business from a desire to support and restore local farming in the community. Ms. Baldwin will discuss the vast network of local farms, the foods they produce and the challenges they face.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club meetings are held in Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. The meeting starts at noon with light sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. The program will follow the luncheon.

Sippican Woman's Club

The Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom Roadshow" is the program topic scheduled for the Friday, **February 11,** Sippican Woman's Club meeting**.** MFA associates will be lecturing and demonstrating companion floral designs. The MFA associates will then select a poster of a painting in the MFA collection to which they will demonstrate a companion/interpretation/ floral arrangement.

All meetings are held at Handy's Tavern located at 152 Front Street and begin with a finger food luncheon and tea served at 12:30 pm, followed by a brief business meeting.

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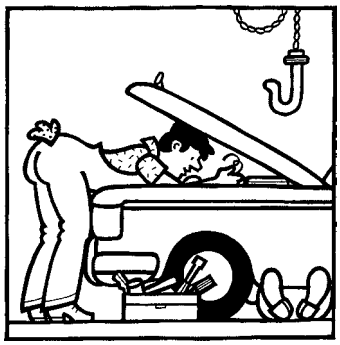

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• **Inclement Weather** – Remember if the weather is bad, the COA will not be providing transportation. When in doubt call the office. As a general rule, if schools are closed, then the vans will not be running.

• **Grocery Shopping** – A change in the grocery shopping schedule has occurred. The first and third Wednesday of the month we will be providing transportation to the Wareham area. The first and third Wednesdays to Market Basket in New Bedford and the alternate Wednesdays to Price Rite. Pick up begins at 12:45 pm. Passengers must call the office to reserve a spot.

MLT Acquisition Walk

The Mattapoisett Land Trust (MLT) invites the public to join members and friends on Saturday, **February 12**, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm to walk the Brownell parcel, the property that the MLT hopes to acquire in June of this year. The tour will examine the current condition of the blueberry orchard and proceed along the existing trails to the stonewall on the southern boundary. The walk will demonstrate why the Brownell parcel is an important addition to the holdings of the Land Trust, but it will also offer a chance to experience the beauty of the winter woods.

All interested walkers should meet at the Friends' Meeting House at 1:00 pm from where the group will proceed across Route 6 past the Martocci Preserve. Drinks and snacks will be provided. In case of inclement weather, or if the snow is too deep, MLT will try the walk again at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 19. For more information call 774-377-9191, or email info@mattlandtrust.org.

From Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election for the town of Mattapoisett will be held on Tuesday, **May 17**. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The last day that these papers may be applied for is Friday March 25 and must be returned by the close of day on Monday March 28.

• **2011 Dog License** – 2011 Licenses are available. Please note that the fees have increased, Male/Female license is $12, and if the dog is spayed or neutered the fee is $9. If the owner of the dog is 70 years old or older the license fee is waived. A current rabies must be on file for all dogs before the license can be issued.

• **Annual Town Census** – Mattapoisett's Annual Town Census forms should be received by every household within the next week. Please take the time to look it over, make any necessary corrections, date and sign and return to the Town Clerk's Office. If you have

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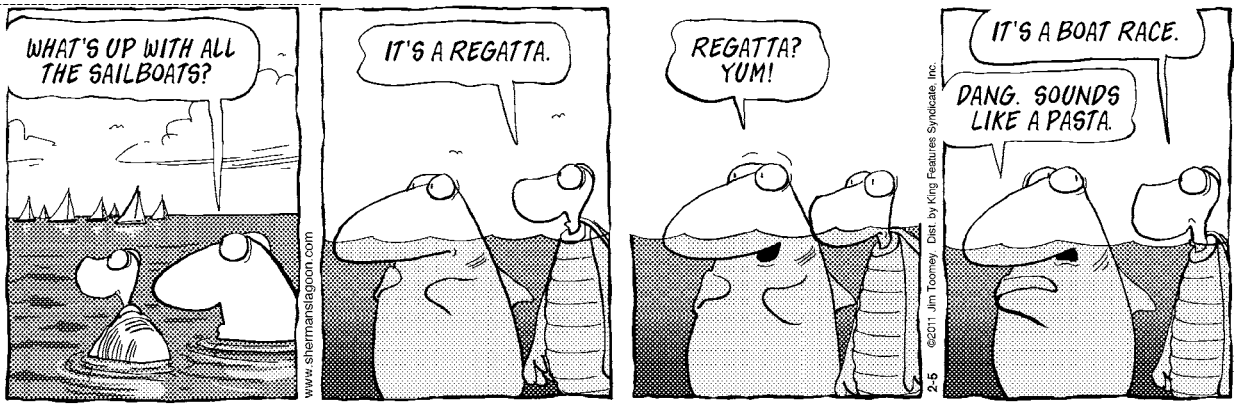

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• **Boat Bills** – Wharf, Skiff, Mooring and Boat Sticker bills have been mailed and are due and payable 60 days from bill date. If not paid by April 1 a late bill will be issued with an additional fee of $50. If you did not receive a bill and you should have or if you have any questions or concerns please call the clerk's office at 508-758-4103 ext 2.

SouthCoast Children's Chorus

The SouthCoast Children's Chorus will hold its inaugural concert on Sunday, **February 13** at 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion. The Chorus will present a selection of songs and poetry, directed by Leslie Piper and accompanied by Daniel Romero. Entitled "This Shall Be For Music," the concert will also feature Leslie Stroud on flute. The SouthCoast Children's Chorus is comprised of young people in grades 3 to 8 from communities all along the South Coast. Auditions for the spring term will be held after the concert – no appointment is required. For more information, contact Leslie Piper at LesliePiper@msn.com. Tickets for the concert are $5 and may be purchased at the door. Children 12 and under are free.

Third Annual Live Telethon

• **Telethon** – Old Rochester Community Television and the Showstoppers singing group are once again teaming up to bring the Third Annual Tri-Town Live TV Telethon filled with talented entertainers to raise money for both nonprofit organizations. The Telethon will be live on ORCTV's public access channel Sunday, **February 13** from 4:00 to 8:00 pm (Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 36).

The first two years were successful and this year promises to be filled with many various entertainers such as singers, dancers, musicians and more all from the local community. ORCTV's channels reach over 6,000 homes in the Tri-Town. Anyone from Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester who has Comcast or Verizon channels will be able to watch this live event (Verizon reaches several surrounding towns as well).

ORCTV will be taking donations over the phone and will offer on-screen sponsorship slots during the telethon for local businesses. Sponsorship slots can include business name and logo and address, phone or website. All donations and sponsorship slots are tax deductible as contributions go to nonprofit organizations (ORCTV and The Showstoppers). Call to sign up 508-748-1600 or email kim@orctv.org.

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February 11:	Fri.	12:48	1:23	6:47	6:47
February 12:	Sat.	1:43	2:22	8:19	7:56
February 13:	Sun.	2:47	3:28	9:39	9:05
February 14:	Mon.	3:56	4:33	10:35	10:07
February 15:	Tues.	5:00	5:30	11:22	11:04
February 16:	Wed.	5:55	6:22	. . .	12:07
February 17:	Thurs.	6:46	7:11	12:02	12:50
February 18:	Fri.	7:34	7:59	12:53	1:32
February 19:	Sat.	8:23	8:48	1:45	2:13
February 20:	Sun.	9:12	9:39	2:35	2:54
February 21:	Mon.	10:03	10:32	3:25	3:35
February 22:	Tues.	10:56	11:26	4:14	4:18
February 23:	Wed.	11:51	. . .	5:07	5:04
February 24:	Thurs.	12:23	12:48	6:15	6:00
February 25:	Fri.	1:24	1:49	8:15	7:15
February 26:	Sat.	2:29	2:54	9:37	9:11
February 27:	Sun.	3:37	4:01	10:33	10:21

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	First Quarter	February 11th
	Full Moon	February 18th
	Last Quarter	February 24th
	New Moon	March 4th

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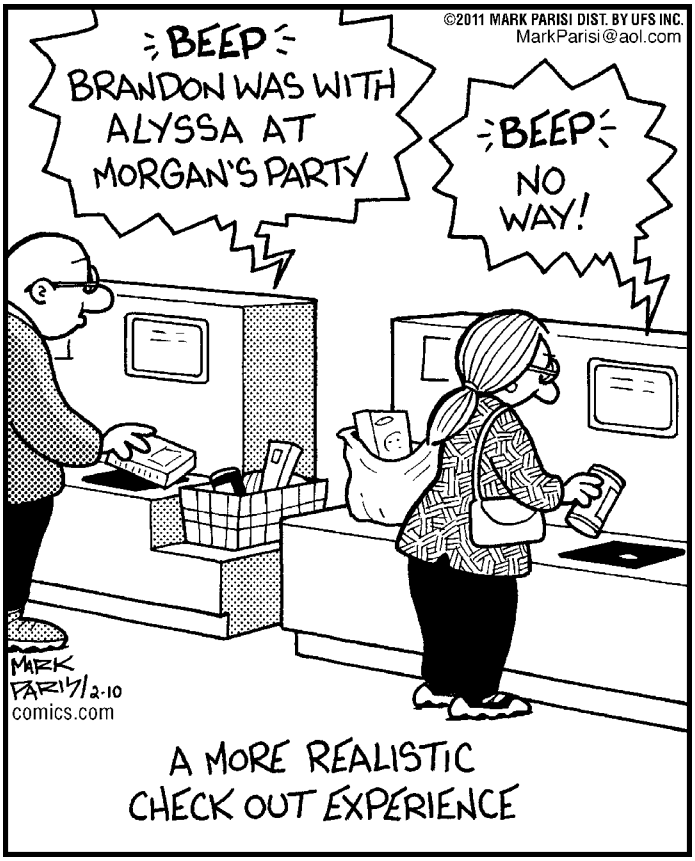

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